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x 159 After a month or two Melangkai died. [He stopped. I asked how.] They both died from an evil spirit. When father was a young man he hunted wild pigs. He found a tuber that had only one leaf but was as [271] thick as his thigh. He went back to his friends. They split it and divided it to quench their thirst. That evening they came home. Father didn't think of it any more until he was grown and had children. When he divined for the sick children, he forgot to include Lonmani-Silaka [name of the spirit in the place where he had found the tuber]. If he had remembered it those two children would not have died. They both died before he remembered it. Fankalieta and Manifani said to father that he had probably seen something bad [potent] and had forgotten it, since two of his children died. So father thought hard until he remembered the tuber. Fankalieta and Manifani divined with a chicken, and sure enough the chicken's head hit Lonmani-Silaka's stone.

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[What about the two older siblings in relation to you?] When I was six or seven, my brother Melangkai was sick. Mother cooked rice for him, put a little on the end of the spoon, and fed it to him. He didn't eat the rice; he just bit the end of the spoon. I said, "Mother, you are feeding my brother rice but he is not eating it; he is biting the end of the spoon." Melangkai said, "No, I am eating the rice, not the spoon." Fankalieta brought three rats for Melangkai to eat. Melangkai just wanted to eat their bellies, but that day his words had disappeared. He just said, "Mother, rats. Mother, rats." Mother didn't hear or understand. So he pointed to mother's belly and said, "Mother, belly, rats. Mother, belly, rats." Then Fankalieta understood and said to give him the bellies of the rats. Mother told him I had already eaten them, so Fankalieta sent Endirini to get some others in his house. Then mother roasted rat bellies and gave them to him, but he didn't eat them properly. He just put them between his upper teeth and lip. Then his neck went limp and he fell back. He was about to die. He lay on the floor. Then he came to and said, "Mother, mother, people are pulling me and I want to return, but you take good care of my younger brothers." Then he died and didn't revive.

x 159 751 Fankalieta said, "Your two sons are dead in successive months. Your eldest said to guard the two young ones well. So now we must remember all and divine. They divined and hit the tuber [see end of preceding day's story]. Then father bought medicine against that evil spirit. He smeared it on the joints at both ends of a length of bamboo and burned the bamboo. Some he placed on small sticks and set the sticks